



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Reagan W. Moore, et al.

Application No.: 10/639,599

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For: **SYSTEM OF AND METHOD FOR
TRANSPARENT MANAGEMENT OF
DATA OBJECTS IN CONTAINERS
ACROSS DISTRIBUTED
HETEROGENOUS RESOURCES**

Art Unit: 2171

Examiner: Unassigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT***Mail Stop Amendment***

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to commencing substantive examination, kindly amend the subject application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on p.2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on p.8 of this paper.

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